

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace paragraph "[024]" with the following amended paragraph:

[024] Docking station/garage 10 is preferably delivered to Mars in a non-rigid, compacted form. This compacted form may be brought to a desired location and deployed by inflating the docking station/garage with an inflation gas such as oxygen or air. Any suitable means may be used to deliver docking station/garage 10 to the desired location. For example, Mars rover 52 may be used to transport and deploy docking station/garage 10 at the desired deployment site. In this configuration, Mars rover 52 may contain onboard an inflator 56 to provide an inflation gas 57 to inflate docking station/garage 10. ~~The~~ inflation gas 57 may act as a catalyst to rigidize the fabric making up the structure of docking station/garage 10. ~~The~~ inflation gas 57 may be stored in a gas cylinder (not shown) that may be part of docking station/garage 10, or which may be externally brought to docking station/garage 10 at its point of deployment and later removed. Preferably, ~~the~~ inflation gas 57 may flow into a space between two fabric layers that may be hermetically sealed. One such double fabric layer system useful in the present invention may be similar to that disclosed in U.S. Patent Number 6,547,189. Alternatively, the interior may be inflated until the fabric is rigid.